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(ii) $(CH_2)_2$-N(Y) - and forms a six membered ring with B, said ring containing one nitrogen;

Y is

(a) C_{1-6} alkyl, or H;

(b) $C(O)$-C_{1-6} alkyl;

(c) $CH_2CH(OH)$-CH_2-Z, wherein Z is C_{1-6} alkyl or O-C_{1-6} alkyl;

(d) aryl; or

(e) heterocycle;

B is a single bond, OH or halo;

C is - OH, $-CH_2-$ or forms a 5-membered lactone or lactam ring with D; and

D is:

(i) -OH, $-CH_2$-halo, -CH(O)-, -COOH, -C(O)-O-C_{1-6} alkyl, $-(CH_2)_n-$, -CHOH-, wherein n is an integer and is 1,2, or 3; or

(ii) forms a 5-membered lactone or lactam ring with C;

E is -H or - CH_3; and

F is -OH,

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, said composition useful in the treatment of neoplastic diseases,

with the proviso that the formula excludes noscapine of the structure

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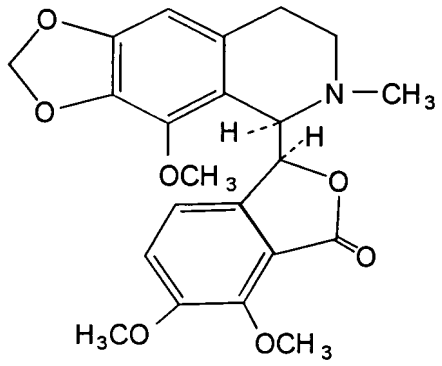

and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.